Fish and prawn cultivation in brackish waters

2141. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the available area of inland brackish water ponds and lakes in the country;

(b) what fraction of this area is utilised for fish and prawn cultivation;

(c) whether the know-how for protected cultivation of prawns in brackish water is indigenously available; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to encourage prawn cultivation in protected brackish waters in collaboration with countries having that know-how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) According to a recent estimate by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, the total potential area available for brackish water farmings is about 9.0 lakh hectares.

(b) it is estimated that about 37000 hectares is being utilised for fish and prawn farming.

(c) and (d) Technology for prawn culture has been developed in India. However, foreign collaborations are not discouraged.

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Hindustan Prefab Limited

2143. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the items manufactured by the Hindustan Prefab Limited;

(b) whether the Company was running at a loss during the last two years;

(c) if so, what is the amount of loss incurred during 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(d) what are the causes for the losses; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to transfer the Company to the private sector in view of the continued losses?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The Hindustan Prefab Limited is engaged in the manufacture of pre-stressed concrete items like electric poles, railway sleepers; precast building components; wooden joinery items; light weight celluler concrete, etc.

(b) to (d) The Company incurred a loss of Rs. 1.43 crores and Rs. 1.01 crores during 1983-84 and 1984-85 respectively. The losses were mainly due to non-utilisation of capacities due to lack of orders, uneconomical rates offered by clients and high incidence of labour and overhead cost, etc.

(e) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Clearance of encroachments in public land in Delhi

2144. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the lands protection department of DDA has cleared encroachments on public lands;

(b) if so, what is the extent of area recovered so far;

(c) the number of unauthorised structures demolished; and

(d) whether any effort was made to rehabilitate the slum dwellers by providing them with alternate land elsewhere?